1

2

3

U.S. DISTRICT COURT

Apr 28, 2021

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

SEAN F. MCAVOY, CLERK

4 MARSHA V.,

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

13

12

14

15 16

17

18

19

20

Plaintiff,

v.

Social Security Administration,

ANDREW M. SAUL, Commissioner of

Defendant.

4:20-cv-05132-SMJ No.

ORDER GRANTING STIPULATED MOTION FOR REMAND

Before the Court, without oral argument, is the parties' Stipulated Motion for Remand, ECF No. 12. "The parties, through their respective counsel, hereby stipulate and agree that the case should be remanded under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g)." *Id.* at 1.

Having reviewed the motion and the file in this matter, the Court is fully informed and grants the motion. "Under sentence four, a district court may remand in conjunction with a judgment affirming, modifying, or reversing the Secretary's decision." Melkonyan v. Sullivan, 501 U.S. 89, 99-100 (1991). Given the parties' stipulation, the Court reverses and remands the matter for further administrative

ORDER GRANTING STIPULATED MOTION FOR REMAND – 1

proceedings before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and a new decision regarding Plaintiff's applications for benefits under the Social Security Act.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The parties' Stipulated Motion for Remand, ECF No. 17, is GRANTED.
- 2. The above-captioned case shall be **REVERSED** and **REMANDED** for further administrative proceedings, including a *de novo* hearing under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). *See Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89 (1991).
- 3. On remand, the Appeals Council will remand the case to an administrative law judge ("ALJ"), who shall develop the medical record as appropriate, offer Plaintiff an opportunity for a new hearing, and issue a new decision. The ALJ shall also:
 - A. Reevaluate the evidence, including any medical experts' opinion(s);
 - **B.** Reevaluate the claimant's seizure disorder, with particular attention to Listing 11.02;
 - *C.* Reassess the third party statements; and
 - **D.** Reassess claimant's residual functional capacity.

- 4. Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, ECF No. 14, is DENIEDAS MOOT.
- 5. The Clerk's Office is **DIRECTED** to **ENTER JUDGMENT** for Plaintiff.
- Plaintiff shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and expenses under 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), upon proper request to this Court. Plaintiff shall be entitled to costs as enumerated in 28 U.S.C. § 1920, under 28 U.S.C. § 2412(a).
 - A. Plaintiff shall file any such motion for attorney fees and costs by no later than May 31, 2021.

IT IS SO ORDERED. The Clerk's Office is directed to enter this Order and provide copies to all counsel.

DATED this 28th day of April 2021.

SALVADOR MENDOA, JR United States District Judge